(b) and (c) The Mail Serveres at the organization level take action to block the addresses of Spam originators. Indian Computer Emergency Response Team (CERT-In) Department of Information Technology guide the System Administrators of Mail Servers to take necessary action to control Spam.

IT Exports

224. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state :

(a) whether any specific efforts have been made, after the Prime Minister's visit to ASEAN countries to market IT technologies to these countries in view of the growing requirement of IT products there;

(b) if so, whether any positive response has been received so far; and

(c) whether any market survey has been conducted to explore IT exports to South East and West Asian countries?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI SU. THIRUNAVUKKARASAR) : (a) to (c) Based on the Joint Study report on "AFTA (ASEAN Free Trade Area)— India Linkages for the Enhancement of Trade and Investment" submitted by the Indian Institute of Foreign Trade (IIFT) and the Malaysian Institute of Economic Research (MIER) to the Government of India and ASEAN in May, 2002, the Framework Agreement on Comprehensive Economic Cooperation between India and ASEAN was signed very recently during Prime Minister's visit to Bali, Indonesia on 8th October, 2003. An important component of the Framework Agreement includes the Early Harvest Programme (EHP) on which concessions will be exchanged between India and ASEAN countries. The EHP list includes several IT products and also includes Information and Communications Technologies (ICT) and e-commerce as a possible area of cooperation between ASEAN and India.

Mobilisation of small savings

225. SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state :

(a) the total amount mobilized by Government through small savings during the last five years, year-wise and state-wise;

(b) whether it is a fact that the Department of Posts has decided to dematerialize the postal saving instruments;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) how it helps last mile class of investors?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI SU. THIRUNAVUKKARASAR): (a) Total amount deposited through small savings during the last five years, year-wise and state-wise break up given in the Annexure [*See* Appendix 200, Annexure No. 2]

(b) Yes.

(c) The Department of Posts has started a six-month pilot from 16th October, 2003 to give the option to the investors in 10 Post Offices of Mumbai to get their NSC & KVP in a dematerialized form at no extra cost and with all the facilities currently available in the paper saving certificates.

(d) Advantage to investors are as enumerated below :-

- Convenience arising from making a single visit to the Post Office for the entire life cycle of investing in the instrument (including purchase and redemption).
- Consolidation of multiple holdings in a single account.
- Dispensation of the need to hold physical paper which is perishable as well as unsafe.
- Secure mode of retaining the savings, as it is tamper-proof.
- Automatic redemption on due date.
- Continuation of all the existing facilities relating to transfer and pledge, make nominations etc.

Capacity of Mobile and WLL Services

226. DR. ARUN KUMAR SARMA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state :